

BUTTE NEWS.

DISCUSSION OF RELIGION

Clarence E. Wilson, the Lecturer, Has Ideas of His Own.

ON UNCOMMON MATTERS

Interesting Thoughts on Occult Subjects, Christian Science, Mind Reading, Hypnotism and Kindred Subjects.

Clarence E. Wilson, the lecturer and writer on philosophical subjects, who is at present in the city, has his own ideas in regard to theosophy, upon which subject the people of this city have had considerable teaching recently. He also has some interesting thoughts on other occult subjects, the science of religion, Christian science, mind reading, hypnotism and such uncommon matters, upon which he treated in a conversation with a Standard reporter yesterday, though on some things his ideas may conflict with popular beliefs and theories.

"In proportion to the advancement in science and philosophy and the correctness with which they explain the phenomena of the universe, the sphere of usefulness in the explanation of fact occupied by God diminishes," said Mr. Wilson.

"The great 'unknown' which has been the stumbling block of all philosophies is partially avoided by the deists, that is, those who believe in God, as they account for the first great cause in that manner. This divine being is equally 'unknown' and has necessitated from time immemorial another explanation, which has always proved an awkward auxiliary to their philosophy. The most comprehensive and intelligent conception of God is expressed perhaps in the sentence, 'All is God, and God is all.' Yet in the light of progressive science, philosophy and particularly reason, the conception of a personal or imminent God must eventually give way to a philosophy which is founded upon something more definite and which is at the same time ponderable and thinkable and knowable. This searching for the reality behind appearance or, in other words, God, will continue to obstruct and anticipate our judgment in passing upon the truth about us until we destroy the idea."

"In studying the great works of nature, it would be well to assign natural causes to the appearances of things around us until we come to a place in our reasoning where the universe demands the supernatural. The conception of God would be relevant with the condition of the world's mind. But, needless to say, few are the facts which cannot be explained upon a perfectly natural basis. It has been the custom of most religions, philosophies and doctrines emanating from theosophy to assign their origin to something of high and exalted character, thus contravening the first fundamental of evolution, though teaching it in their doctrines. So long as the solution of the mystery of life is sought for in a divine origin, the source of all religions, so long will the mystery remain unsolved. None seem content to begin at the bottom of the ladder and proceed upward, but all insist upon beginning at the top, an impossibility, and descending downward. Evolution always begins at the bottom. To begin at the top of the ladder is, with God, to have the supernatural. To commence at the bottom is to confine yourself to the bounds of the natural and reasonable. It is here where the solution of life and death, of the soul and its resurrection, will be found, and the finding will be in reason, which is much better than faith. It is more positive, reassuring and comforting."

"Supposing, as many schools of philosophy teach that, though matter and energy are universal, and are indestructible, God exists, this divine conception invariably is used to create something which is lacking in their philosophy and which is essential to the explanation of facts which they present, while this may be very accommodating on the part of God, it puts Him in the unenviable light of being subservient to His own universe. God, if He existed as He is painted in religion and philosophy, including theosophy, He could not of Himself lift a single hand, draw a circle or perform any act which a 3-year-old child is capable of doing."

"The atheism of Ingersoll and Spencer is not the atheism which will bring light out of the darkness. The great unknown is also the greatest stumbling block. Their fault is in attempting to have a stick with one end and as a result they know nothing concerning the attributes which the other end may possess. They deal with infinite space and other abstractions, but not knowing, and herein lies the deficiency of their philosophy. They do not follow evolution consistently, when the remote distances of time and progression are to be reckoned with, but fall into the error of subsidizing the great forces of nature, making it tributary to some one thing."

"Atheism is the only solution of immortality upon a logical basis. It contains the germ of the religious idea, and those who wish to rear aloft a magnificent edifice concentrated the perpetuation of the noblest of all emotions. The religious cannot find, search where they will, any foundation which is more sublime and inspiring. Its doctrines are teachings of nature and cannot be improved upon. Religion is the product of man in nature, yet, as now advocated, is not natural. The past experience of mankind is an ample basis to reconstruct the religious edifice and by its broadness it ought to suffice for all humanity. Theosophy has attempted this, but it contains the fatal error of placing spirit before matter, in common with most other philosophies."

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"With God at the helm of the universe immortality is a matter of caprice; with atheism in the ascendancy immortality is rendered a matter of necessity and logical sequence. Humanity will continue to dally in doubts and fears so long as they cling to the false assumption that God holds their destinies in the palm of his hand. Yet those who are prone to believe that immortality is common to all mankind should consider well, for if reason be carried far enough, it will be seen that many, many people who breathe, live and are apparently human beings, will die and revert back to old Mother Earth, as the conditions of immortality are immovable. It will not respect either wealth or beauty, but brains. Those who are fostered in ignorance will die in ignorance and become a common parcel with the unconscious clay of the earth."

"Yet this does not imply those of a certain religious or philosophical belief are the only ones eligible to immortality, for neither creeds nor dogmas are respected, but the life hereafter is entirely dependent upon the capacity of the individual for it."

"People, no doubt, often wonder where and how the soul comes into existence. This is a long story, yet children are not without an idea of the condition in various ways as their education advances."

"To struggling womanhood atheism holds out promises of peculiar beauty and adaptability to their sex. It contains the most exalted idea of motherhood in the world of religion. It ceases a harsh thing to say, but woman the world over owes her condition to the religion of the country in which she resides. If they have unequal rights and privileges it is due to the failure of the religion which inspires their life. The question of the superiority of the sexes has agitated minds on both sides of the question, but in view of the fact that immortality, independent of the part both man and woman play in continuing the human race, could not be obtained by either man or woman without the assistance of the other. The condition of sex is a condition of immortality. Women who are religious cannot and shall have no religion or one fuller of inspiration than atheism."

"The occult forces will hereafter play in a large measure the part of the telescope and microscope. In their study and development there is a secret which is beyond the scientific mind of to-day and until their influence, truth and wisdom is admitted by our scientific body, they, as a body, will continue to founder helplessly in the vast sea of ignorance which the false gods of the past have left behind them. Every one must doubt before they believe. In doubting they begin to study, and study will produce the results desired. Those who are anxious to become proficient in mind reading, hypnotism, spiritualism, telepathy and the curative power exercised by the hands cannot make a better beginning than to doubt, providing that doubt leads them to study. They are all obtainable, and their explanation lies at the bottom of the mystery of life. It is contained in them, for it opens one more window of the soul which permits us to look out over the great unknown and see in the conditions of time our next abode."

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National Educational Association Meeting.

For the meeting of the National Educational Association at Milwaukee, Wis., July 6 to 9, 1897, the Union Pacific Railway, the Great Northern and the Northern Pacific railways offer special rates to teachers and others who intend to make the trip. Tickets will be sold leading one way, (either going or returning) via the "Scenic" Denver & Rio Grande railway, the second of which can most readily be appreciated by an educated body, but which cannot fail to interest all. This route enables one to visit all the principal points of interest in the West, including Salt Lake, Louisville and Denver. The rate for the round trip will be one standard fare via direct lines, plus \$2.50. For further information call on or write E. V. Maze, general agent Union Pacific railway, Butte, Mont.

United Irish Societies' Picnic.

On account of the annual picnic of United Irish Societies at Anaconda park, June 20, the B. A. & P. railway will make a rate of 41 for the round trip, Butte to Anaconda, and return. Trains leave Butte 10 a. m., 1:15 p. m. and 5 p. m. Returning, leave Anaconda at 3 p. m., 5:30 p. m. and 12 o'clock midnight.

Calling Cards.

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TESTIMONY OF WITNESSES

The Brother of the Murdered Man Recalled and He Told of His Visit to the Jail, Where He Saw the Prisoner.

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